

General Francis Marion Memorial

Alternative Sites Review

Submitted by the National Park Service

Concept

Commission meeting date: November 6, 2014

NCPC review authority: Commemorative Works Act (40 U.S.C. 8905)

Applicant request: Review and comment on site alternatives

Delegated / consent / open / executive session: Open

NCPC Review Officer: L. Kempf

NCPC File number: 7615

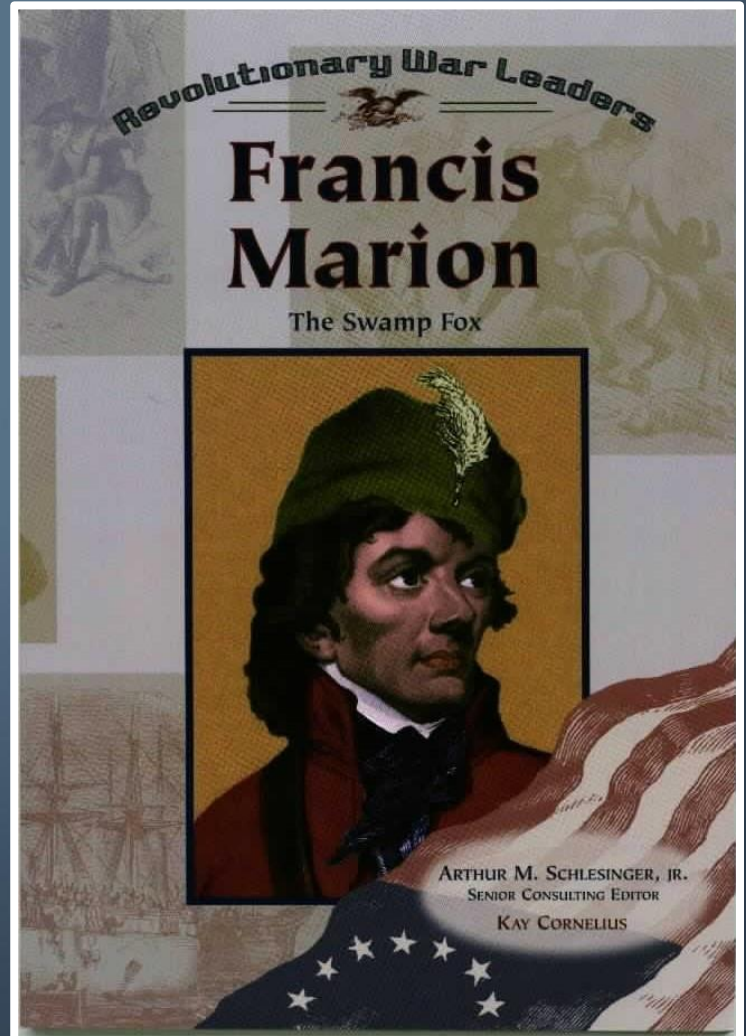
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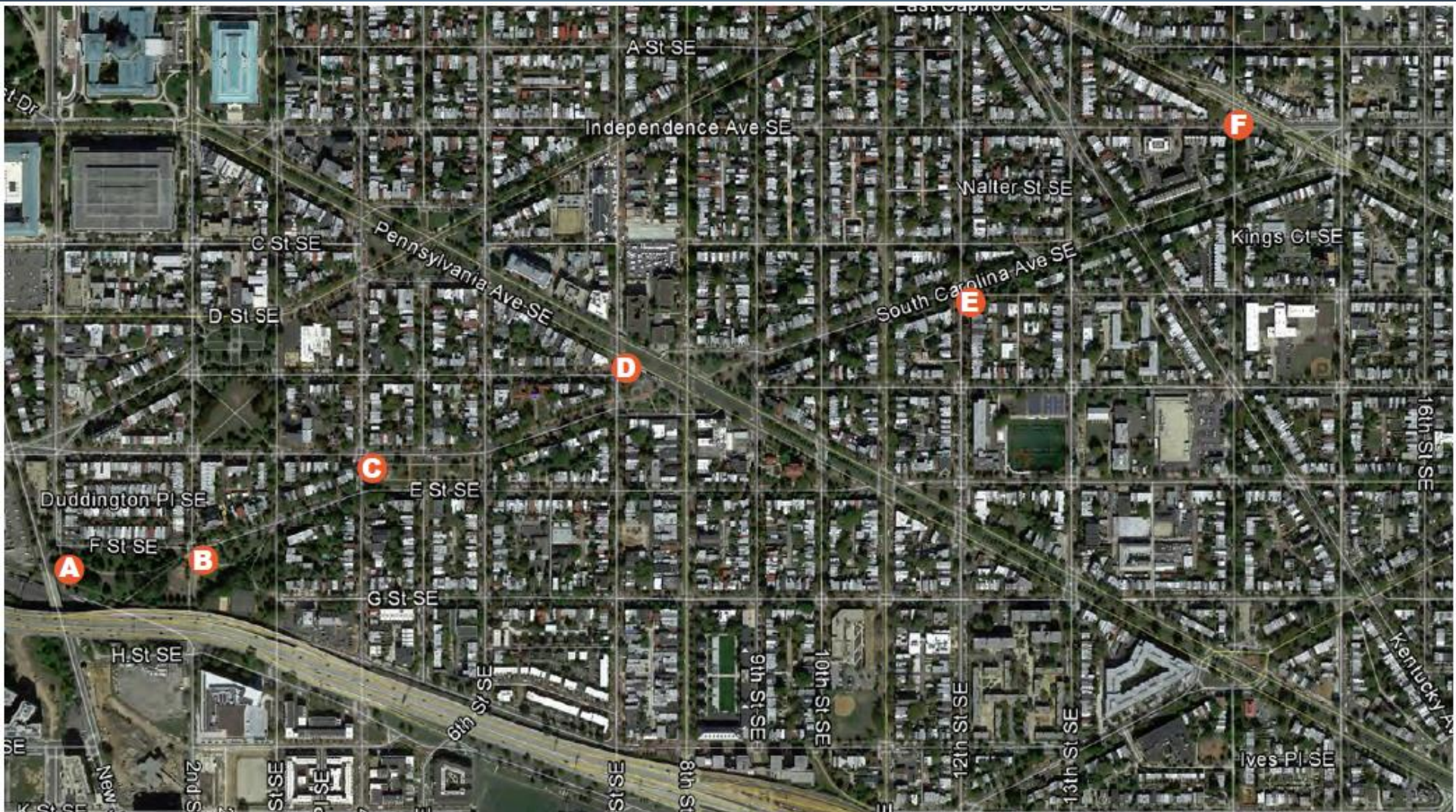
Public Law 110-229, Section 331, authorizes the Marion Park Project to establish a commemorative work that honors Brigadier General Francis Marion on federal land in the District of Columbia, in accordance with the Commemorative Works Act (CWA). President Bush signed the law on May 8, 2008. The CWA sets forth approval requirements related to the location, design and construction of commemorative works. In accordance with the CWA, NCPC approves site and design for new commemorative works.

The Department of the Interior, on behalf of the Marion Park Project, is submitting a site study including six potential sites to the National Capital Planning Commission for review and comment. The Commission is not taking an action on this submission; however staff requests approval of planning comments related to each site. The applicant will take NCPC's comments into account as it identifies preferred sites and develops a design concept. Based on preliminary plans, the applicant anticipates a modest memorial sculptural element, possibly to include a small seating area. In September, the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission provided comments on the site study, which will be included in the record.



GENERAL FRANCIS MARION.





Commemorative Works Act Guidance, including:

- Subject matter nexus
- Compatibility with surrounding open space uses

Other considerations:

- Location and Scale - Compatibility with existing park uses in neighborhood context, existing programming
- Jurisdiction – The study includes both DC and NPS sites
- Urban Design – Visibility and design integrity
- Memorials and Museums Master Plan (as applicable), the Comprehensive Plan

Site A: Garfield Park West



Site Information

Site Area: 3.5 acres. Likely area for memorial: 300-500 sq. feet

Key Features: Large neighborhood park includes active programming, landscaping, and some open spaces

Site Jurisdiction: District of Columbia

Adjacent Land Uses:

- Transportation infrastructure (Southeast Freeway and New Jersey Avenue)
- Residential
- Government (US Capitol Facilities)

Visual Character: A Mix of tree-lined residential, institutional and infrastructure

Site B: Garfield Park East

Site Information

Site Area: 3.8 acres. Likely area for memorial: 300-500 sq. feet

Key Features: Large neighborhood park includes active programming, landscaping, and some open spaces

Site Jurisdiction: District of Columbia

Adjacent Land Uses:

- Transportation infrastructure (Southeast Freeway)
- Residential
- School
- Neighborhood retail

Visual Character: A Mix of tree-lined residential, commercial, and infrastructure



Site C: Marion Park



Site Information

Site Area: 1.5 acres

Key Features: A rectangular flat open space landscaped in three panels, including one playground

Site Jurisdiction:
National Park Service

Adjacent Land Uses:

- Residential
- Neighborhood retail
- Public facilities (police station)
- Institutional (church)

Visual Character: A mix of tree-lined residential streets with site specific institutional uses

Site D: South Carolina and Pennsylvania Ave



Site Information

Site Area: 1 acre, Likely area for a memorial: 300-500 sq feet

Key Features: Triangular site of landscaped elements, lawn areas, an informal playground, and seating at the entrance of Eastern Market Metro

Site Jurisdiction: District of Columbia

Adjacent Land Uses:

- Residential
- Neighborhood and destination retail
- Public Library
- Transportation corridor

Visual Character: A public space within a low density neighborhood setting, including a mix of tree-lined residential, active commercial uses and destination retail, transit amenities. One of several important physical nodes along Pennsylvania.

Site E: South Carolina and C Street, SE



Site Information

Site Area: 0.2 acres

Key Features: A small triangular flat residential park, currently un-programmed, passive open space uses

Site Jurisdiction: District of Columbia

Adjacent Land Uses:

- Residential

Visual character: tree-lined streets and residences

Site F: South Carolina and Massachusetts Avenues SE



Site Information

Site Area: 0.5 acres, including several open triangular parcels created by the transportation network

Site Jurisdiction: District of Columbia

Adjacent Land Uses:

- Residential
- Neighborhood retail
- Transportation

Located at the intersection of 3 prominent streets and at the midpoint between Lincoln Park and the terminus of Mass. Ave

Surrounding visual character: tree-lined streets and residences